

Hello and Welcome to the Guidance Newsletter,

2013 has arrived and, with it, there are a couple of January activities that are coming up to announce:

FAFSA Night: On Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00 pm we are hosting our annual FAFSA/Financial Aid night in the Millville Senior High School Blue Cafeteria. This workshop will help students and their parents with the financial aid process and the FAFSA, which must be completed by all students to receive any financial aid for college. A guest speaker will be on hand to help parents and students navigate the financial aid process. FAFSA forms and additional information will be distributed. For seniors and their parents, this is a MUST. Underclassmen will learn what they should be doing now to prepare for the future. Seniors will learn what they must do NOW in order to be eligible for financial aid. The presentation is free of charge, so we hope to see you.

Scheduling Fair: Brand new this year, Millville High School is hosting our first Scheduling Fair on the evening of Wednesday, January 16th. It will be located at Millville Senior High School on Wade Boulevard and is open to any parent/guardian and student who will be in high school during the 2013-2014 school year.

The Scheduling Fair will be an opportunity for parents and students to find out more about the classes offered at Millville High School and talk with teachers from both Memorial and MSHS. Teachers will have tables set up with information about classes and parents will be able to walk around and talk to them about specific subjects. Attendees will also be the first people to receive the new 2013-2014 Course Selection Booklet, which will not be distributed to students until a later date.

Some things participants will be able to find out:

- The variety of electives we offer and how to make sure you get involved in them
- The difference between an Advanced level and a College prep course
- What steps does it take to get to one of our AP classes
- How many college credits your child can earn while still in high school
- What professional certifications your child can earn while in high school

The Scheduling Fair has a staggered start based on the grade level of the student. Students who are currently in 8th grade will be invited to arrive at 6:30 pm and students who are currently in high school will be asked to arrive at 7:00 pm. Each group will begin with a brief meeting in the auditorium.

Please come out and join us to gather all of the information that interests you.

Cumberland County College On-Site Admissions: Once again we will be hosting Cumberland County College on 3 different dates so that our seniors may complete their CCC admission process right here at the high school. The scheduled dates will begin in February and announcements will be made. Please check out the Guidance Web-page in the near future for the specific dates.

PSAT Results: Results for the PSAT from this past October have been distributed to students. All students who took the test were invited to come to the library in small groups to learn about how to interpret their results and find out some of the ways that they can use the free on-line resources to raise their scores.

Seniors: Seniors should be completing the last of their college applications and be turning their sites toward the financial aid process. Parents of seniors should also be watching for signs of a serious condition that *some* students will get called, "*senioritis*." It is marked by the lack of motivation to complete any school work because they are so close to graduation. Please remind them that the school year ends in June!!!!

Juniors: Along with maintaining good grades, juniors should begin searching post-secondary options such as colleges/technical schools. Those juniors who would like to attend a 4-year college will want to sign up for the SAT test this spring. This can be done on the company's web-site: www.collegeboard.com.

Sophomores & Freshmen: It is an excellent idea for all students to have a conversation with their 1st semester teachers about course selection for next year. In particular, freshmen and sophomores should do this in case there is a specific class they want to get to by senior year. This will ensure that they have the proper pre-requisites completed in time.

Exam Schedule/End of Semester: As long as there are no additional school closings, semester 1 exams will be January 28th & 29th. The semester ends officially on January 30th and semester 2 starts on February 1st.

As always, please contact your child's counselor any time that you need. Below is the contact information:

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That's all for now. We will be sending an update about the scheduling process in the near future.

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